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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2001 (Paper No. 14), please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for a one (1) month extension of time extending the time for response from November 2, 2001 to December 2, 2001.

AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS:Please cancel Claims 1-11, and ~~14~~-15.

Please amend the claims as follows:

A1 12. (Amended) A kit for detecting the causative agent of spontaneous abortion, comprising a probe antibody directed to an AAV antigen in a suitable container.

13. (Amended) The kit of Claim 12, wherein said probe antibody is A1 as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2195, A20 as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2194, A69 as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2196 or B1 as deposited with DSM under deposit number ACC2197.

A2 16. (Amended) An antibody directed against an AAV antigen.